

HOUSE BILL No. 2481

By Committee on Transportation

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9 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; concerning personalized license
10 plates; amending K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 8-132 and 8-133 and repealing
11 the existing sections.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 8-132 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 8-132. (a) Subject to the provisions of this section and K.S.A. 8-
16 1,125, and amendments thereto, the division of vehicles shall furnish to
17 every owner whose vehicle shall be registered one license plate for such
18 vehicle. Such license plate shall have displayed on it the registration num-
19 ber assigned to the vehicle and to the owner thereof, the name of the
20 state, which may be abbreviated, and the year or years for which it is
21 issued. The same type of license plates shall be issued for passenger motor
22 vehicles, rented without a driver, as are issued for private passenger
23 vehicles.

24 (b) During calendar year 1975 commencing on the effective date of
25 this act, and during every fifth calendar year thereafter, the division of
26 vehicles shall furnish one license plate for any type of vehicle an owner
27 registers or has the registration thereof renewed, but during the suc-
28 ceeding four-year period following calendar year 1975 and during the
29 succeeding four-year period following every fifth calendar year subse-
30 quent to 1975, the division of vehicles shall not furnish any license plate
31 for the renewal of a vehicle's registration. During calendar year 1976 and
32 during each calendar year thereafter in which a license plate is not issued
33 for the renewal of registration of a vehicle, the division of vehicles shall
34 furnish one decal for the license plate issued for a vehicle as provided in
35 K.S.A. 8-134, and amendments thereto, for each registration and renewal
36 of registration of such vehicle. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions
37 of this subsection, whenever, in the discretion of the director of vehicles,
38 it is determined that the license plates currently being issued and dis-
39 played, *including personalized license plates under subsection (c)*, are not
40 deteriorating to the extent that their replacement is warranted, the di-
41 rector may adopt rules and regulations to extend the five-year issuance
42 cycle provided for in this subsection by one year at a time, and in the
43 same manner the director may further extend such cycle by one year at

1 a time, successively as the director determines appropriate. If the cycle
2 is extended at the expiration of the extended term, new license plates
3 shall again be issued in the manner and for the term provided in such
4 rules and regulations, except that the owner of a motor vehicle currently
5 registered may continue to display the license plate currently being issued
6 and displayed for a period not to exceed three registration years from the
7 date of the expiration of the extended term. The division shall furnish
8 one decal for each such license plate in accordance with the provisions
9 of this subsection.

10 (c) ~~Two~~ A personalized license ~~plates~~ *plate* may be issued to any
11 owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or a truck licensed for a gross
12 weight of not more than 20,000 pounds, who makes proper application
13 to the division of vehicles not less than 60 days prior to such owner's or
14 lessee's renewal of registration date. Such application shall be on a form
15 prescribed by the division and accompanied by a fee of \$40, which shall
16 be in addition to any other fee required to renew the registration of such
17 passenger vehicle under the laws of this state. ~~One such personalized~~
18 ~~license plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle and, at the option~~
19 ~~of the owner or lessee, the other license plate may be displayed on the~~
20 ~~front of the vehicle, except that no registration decal shall be issued pur-~~
21 ~~suant to K.S.A. 8-134, and amendments thereto, for any such license plate~~
22 ~~displayed on the front of such vehicle.~~ One personalized license plate may
23 be issued to any owner of a motorcycle upon proper application in the
24 same manner provided in this subsection (c) for passenger vehicles and
25 trucks. The \$40 fee shall be paid only once during the registration period
26 for which such license plates were issued, and any subsequent renewals
27 during the registration period shall be subject only to the registration fee
28 prescribed by K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto. The division shall
29 design distinctive, personalized license plates to be issued which shall
30 contain not more than seven letters or numbers on truck or passenger
31 vehicle license plates and not more than five letters or numbers on mo-
32 torcycle license plates, or a combination thereof, to be designated by the
33 applicant in lieu of the letters and numbers required by K.S.A. 8-147, and
34 amendments thereto, other than the letters required to designate the
35 county in which such vehicle is registered. Unless the letters or numbers
36 designated by the applicant have been assigned to another vehicle, or
37 unless the letters or numbers designated by the applicant have a profane,
38 vulgar, lewd or indecent meaning or connotation, as determined by the
39 director of vehicles, the division shall assign such letters or numbers to
40 the applicant's vehicle, and the letters or numbers, or combination
41 thereof, so assigned shall be deemed the registration number of such
42 vehicle. Subject to the foregoing provisions, all license plates issued under
43 this section shall be manufactured in accordance with K.S.A. 8-147, and

1 amendments thereto. Such license plates shall be issued for a registration
2 period of five years commencing in 1985 and each five years thereafter,
3 *except as provided under subsection (b).*

4 The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to
5 carry out the provisions of this act, including, without limitation, rules
6 and regulations concerning (1) the procedure for insuring that duplicate
7 license plates are not issued throughout the state, (2) the procedure for
8 reserving distinctive license plates for the purpose of obtaining the same
9 on each annual renewal of registration, (3) the procedure for allowing the
10 transfer of personalized license plates from one vehicle to another for
11 which such license plates were originally issued, when the title to the
12 original vehicle has not been transferred and the name or names of the
13 owner or owners listed on the titles to both vehicles are identical, and (4)
14 procedures necessary to coordinate this act with other laws of this state
15 governing registration of vehicles. The director of vehicles shall remit all
16 moneys received by the division of vehicles under this section to the state
17 treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and
18 amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state
19 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit
20 of the state highway fund.

21 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 8-133 is hereby amended to read as fol-
22 lows: 8-133. The license plate assigned to the vehicle shall be attached to
23 the rear thereof and shall be so displayed during the current registration
24 year or years. A Kansas registered vehicle shall have no registration plate
25 for any year on the front of the vehicle, except that: (a) The license plate
26 issued for a truck tractor shall be attached to the front of the truck tractor;
27 *or* (b) a model year license plate may be attached to the front of an antique
28 vehicle, in accordance with K.S.A. 8-172, and amendments thereto; ~~or (c)~~
29 ~~a personalized license plate as authorized under subsection (c) of K.S.A.~~
30 ~~8-132, and amendments thereto,~~ may be attached to the front of a pas-
31 senger vehicle or truck. Every license plate shall at all times be securely
32 fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned so as to prevent the plate
33 from swinging, and at a height not less than 12 inches from the ground,
34 measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be
35 clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in
36 a condition to be clearly legible. During any period in which the construc-
37 tion of license plates has been suspended pursuant to the provisions of
38 K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto, the plate, tag, token, marker or
39 sign assigned to such vehicle shall be attached to and displayed on such
40 vehicle in such place, position, manner and condition as shall be pre-
41 scribed by the director of vehicles.

42 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 8-132 and 8-133 are hereby repealed.

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1 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
2 publication in the Kansas register.